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1. The following were present:

Mr. D. J. Clinton  
Mr. R. S. Kain  
Col. R. S. Smith  
Maj. J. W. Jacobson  
LCdr. J. Madden  
Col. J. J. Hausman

State  
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Army  
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Navy  
Air Force  
CIA (Chairman)  
CIA (Vice Chairman)  
CIA (Secretary)

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2. The Chairman congratulated Lieutenant Commander Madden on his recent promotion.

3. Proposed Revision of NIS Outline Guide for USIA Basic Intelligence Needs

The Chairman reported that he had been furnished by the State member with copies of a proposed revision to the outline requirements for Chapter IV (Sociological), Chapter V (Political), and Section 60 (Introduction to Economic Chapter) of the NIS Standard Instructions. The proposal was developed by OIR, State, as a result of recommendations contained in the "Report of Survey of Intelligence Needs and Assets of the United States Information Agency" dated 5 August 1954, and takes into consideration both the basic intelligence needs of USIA and the basic intelligence needs of other psychological warfare agencies of the Government.

Copies of the proposal were sent on 24 March 1955 to the Committee members, to the Director of USIA, and to the Chief of Psychological Warfare, Special Staff, U.S. Army. The Chairman said that the proposal will be considered at an early NIS Committee meeting to which representatives of the USIA and OCPW will be invited. The Army member requested that this meeting be held after 15 April 1955 to afford opportunity for his Agency to review the proposal.

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5. Strategic Intelligence Digest--USSR

The Chairman reported on the status of SID-USSR. This is a three-volume basic intelligence study which was produced by the intelligence agencies under CIA coordination and was published in March 1948. It served its purpose of providing a ready reference on the basic intelligence aspects of the USSR before the NIS was available. It may also prove of assistance to analysts in the preparation of the forthcoming Chapter I on the USSR, since its condensed coverage of topics is somewhat similar to the Chapter I approach. The SID-USSR should then be destroyed as its basic intelligence has been superseded by the NIS on the USSR.

6. Reallocation of Production Responsibility for Section 45

The Chairman reported that agreement had been reached between CIA and Army on the reallocation of production responsibility for Section 45 (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 179). The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intelligence, accepted the new allocation for the Department of the Army in a memorandum to the Director of Central Intelligence under date of 22 March 1955, as follows:

"MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

"SUBJECT: National Intelligence Survey (U)

"1. References:

- a. G2 memorandum, subject as above, dated 5 April 1954.
- b. Your memorandum, subject as above, dated 1 October 1954.
- c. G2 memorandum, subject as above, dated 10 November 1954.

"2. Subsequent to my memorandum of 10 November 1954, a series of conferences at NIS Committee level regarding reallocation of responsibility for the preparation of NIS Sections 45 has culminated in the presentation in conference on 16 March 1955 of the attached Tab A. The division of responsibility indicated thereon was described, by representatives of your agency, as outlining the maximum responsibility which your Office of Scientific Intelligence could assume for Section 45.

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At the same time my representatives maintained that properly the Army contribution should be limited to the preparation of two subsections which are obviously military in character, namely, 'Diseases which may affect a military force' and 'Medical Organization and Administration, Military.' Consonant with my earlier memoranda, this Army position has my full support.

"3. In order not to reject the acceptance by your agency of responsibility for the coordination of NIS Section 45, 'Health and Sanitation,' however, and in order to avoid further delays in the production of these sections, Army will accept responsibility for the preparation of contributions to Section 45 on eight areas per year in accordance with Tab A and a jointly agreeable schedule. Specifically, Army contributions will cover subsections B1, B5, B6, C1, and D2 of the Revised Outline for Section 45 dated 28 December 1953."

Tab A of this memorandum reads as follows:

"Allocation of Responsibility for Preparation of NIS, Section 45.

"Chapter IV - Sociological  
Section 45 - Health and  
Sanitation

State - Chapter Coordinator  
CIA (with Army assistance)

A. General

CIA

B. Factors affecting health

1. Topography and climate
2. Socio-economic pattern
3. Animal and plant life
4. Nutrition
5. Water
6. Waste disposal

Army

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CIA

CIA

CIA

Army

Army

C. Diseases

- \* 1. Diseases of man
2. Animal diseases

Army

CIA

\* 1.a. " #331  
1.b. Army #329

D. Medical organization and administration

1. Civilian
2. Military

CIA

Army

E. Medical manpower

CIA

F. Medical care facilities

CIA

G. Medical supplies

CIA

H. Comments on principal sources CIA"

The Committee approved the new allocations of production responsibility as set forth in Tab A to become effective on 1 July 1955.

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The Army member requested approval for the substitution of NIS 30 (Iraq) for NIS 9 (Spain) in the Section 45 production schedule for FY-1955 because the Office of the Surgeon General will not be able to do Section 45 on Spain by the end of this fiscal year. The Army member said that with this substitution Army expects to complete all Sections 45 scheduled for FY-1955. The Committee approved the substitution.

The Chairman said he had requested the new Section 45 coordinator (OSI/CIA) to develop a production schedule with Army for FY-1956 and a production forecast for FY-1957 through 1959.

7. Chapter I Production Forecast

The Committee approved the following Chapter I production forecast:

FY-1957

5 - Belgium  
19 - Hungary  
36 - Pakistan  
3 - France  
23 - Bulgaria  
27 - Turkey  
39 - China  
43 - Indochina

Alternate

12 - Finland

FY-1958

22 - Rumania  
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17 - Italy  
24 - Greece  
38 - Burma  
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Alternate

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34 - Afghanistan

8. Federal Reserve Request for Section 65

The Committee took under consideration a request by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System under date of 18 March 1955 for NIS Section 65 (Trade and Finance) on all NIS areas. A document setting forth the need for this NIS element in connection with responsibilities of the Federal Reserve System in the International Field accompanied the request. The Chairman requested the members to determine the position of their respective agencies with a view to taking action on the request at the next meeting, following which it would be submitted to the IAC Secretariat with the Committee's recommendations.

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9. Miscellany

a. The Committee agreed to defer making any changes in the NIS Production Forecast until the new forecast was developed at the end of this fiscal year. Copies of the current issue which are disseminated to field activities should carry notation of its tentative nature.

b. The Vice Chairman reported that the revised NIS Key Personnel List will be issued shortly. He reminded the members to report changes in the list as they occur. The members indicated their agencies' requirements as follows: State - 150; Army - 75; Navy - 20; Air Force - 15.

c. The Chairman notified the <sup>25X6A</sup> Committee that IAC-D-45/12.10 of 21 February 1955 removes NIS Area S45, [REDACTED] from the controlled list in Part I, Tab A, of IAC-D-45/12 (Revision 4) pursuant to action taken at NIS Committee Meeting No. 189.

d. The Vice Chairman noted the following sections had been awaiting contributor action since the dates shown:

NIS 44, Section 25	- 1 February 1955
NIS 53, Section 44M	- 16 February 1955

The Army member said that NIS 44, Section 25, will be submitted by 8 April 1955. The State member said that NIS 53, Section 44M, had been rescheduled for May 1955.

e. The State member inquired if it is necessary to have the control statement "Not Releasable to Foreign Nationals" on each page of a controlled contribution. He said it would save considerable typing if the control statement were to appear only in the covering memorandum and the first page of a contribution. Other members supported this suggestion. The Vice Chairman agreed to examine the security aspects of the matter and report to the Committee at the next meeting.

f. The State member requested that additional credit be given to contributors to "Soviet Personalities" in view of the heavy workload involved in its production. It contains some 800 biographies which have required an exorbitant amount of editing and typing by State. The Chairman said that special consideration would be given to credit allowance for this work. [Credit was subsequently allowed as follows: State - 4 Sections; CIA, Army, Navy, Air Force - each 1 Section.]

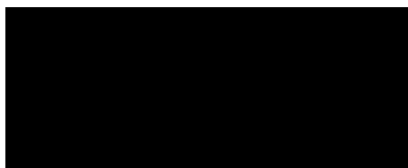
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g. The Army member said that it would be helpful to his Agency if the NIS Quarterly Production Report would indicate those NIS elements which were not to be published. Thus, users would know that the specified elements were not available for issue. Committee discussion brought out that the "Introduction" Sections ought to be the appropriate place to indicate the Section status for each Chapter. This procedure would require that the "Introduction" Sections be sent to users who request other sections of the chapter in line with the Committee's views expressed at the last meeting. The Vice Chairman said he would look into the feasibility of modifying the Quarterly Report as suggested by the Army member.

10. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 19 April 1955.

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